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Public Act No. 17-20

AN ACT CONCERNING A SOCIAL WORK IN-HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 17b-605b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

(a) The Commissioner of Social Services, within available appropriations, may establish and operate a [community-based services] Social Work In-Home Support program for persons with disabilities (1) who are between the ages of eighteen and sixty-four years, and (2) who meet the eligibility requirements specified in sections 17b-4(a)-1 to 17b-4(a)-6, inclusive, of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies. Such eligibility requirements with respect to income and assets shall not apply to persons eligible for medical assistance under section 17b-597 who were receiving community-based services on October 1, 2000.

[(b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall determine whether a person eligible for medical assistance under section 17b-597 who is receiving community-based services on October 1, 2000, is eligible for personal care assistance under section 17b-605a. Such person shall not qualify for community-based services in the event such person may be

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enrolled in the personal care assistance program at the time such person is disqualified from receiving community-based services.]

(b) Any person participating in a Medicaid home and community-based services program shall not be eligible for the Social Work In-Home Support program, unless a particular service is not otherwise available under a Medicaid home and community-based services program.

(c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall implement the policies and procedures necessary to carry out the provisions of subsection (a) of this section while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures in regulation form, provided notice of intent to adopt the regulations is published [in the Connecticut Law Journal within] on the department's Internet web site and the eRegulations System not later than twenty days after implementation. Such policies and procedures shall be valid until the time final regulations are effective.